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Remarks

Claims 1-28 are pending in the Application. Claims 7-9, 11, 15, 16, 18 and 25-27 are withdrawn. Claims 22-24 are allowed. Claims 5, 6, 10, 12-14, 21 and 28 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-4, 17, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunkle et al (US 6,454,300) in view of Tokita et al (US 6,692,023).

Claim 1 is canceled with claim 5 rewritten to include the limitations of claim 1 and is therefore allowable. Rejected claim 2, which depended on claim 1, is amended to depend on allowable claim 5. Claims 3 and 4 now depend ultimately on allowable claim 5. Claims 6 and 10 depend on claim 5 and are allowable.

Applicant requests that withdrawn claims 7-9, 11 and currently amended/withdrawn claim 16 which depend on allowable claim 5 also be allowed.

Claim 12 is rewritten to include the limitations of claim 1 and is allowable. Claims 13 and 14 depend on allowable claim 12. Applicant requests that withdrawn claim 15, which depends on allowable claim 12 also be allowed.

Claim 17 is amended to depend on allowable claim 5. Applicant requests that withdrawn claim 18, which ultimately depends on allowable claim 5 also be allowed.

Claim 19 is currently amended to depend on claim 5 and should be allowable. Claims 20 and 21 now ultimately depend on claim 5 and should be allowed.

Claims 22-24 are allowed.

Claims 25-27 are canceled.

Claim 28 depends on claim 5 and should be allowable.

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Conclusion

In light of the amendments, claims 2-6, 10, 12-14, 17, 19-21 and 28 are in condition for allowance along with allowed claims 22-24, which action is respectfully requested. As indicated in the previously filed Response to Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has indicated that claim 1 is generic. Because claims 5 and 12 are allowable, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine all nonelected species and corresponding withdrawn claims 7-9, 11, 15, 16 and 18.

Respectfully submitted,

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